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Mr. Phil Hughes Timberline Industries P.O. Box 178 Stockton, UT 84071

Re: Current Address and Status of Operation, DOE/045/028, Ophir Heap Leach, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hughes:

We are presently conducting a file review of the mine operations that have filed a Declaration of Exemption (DOE) with our Division. A DOE is a mining operation in which less than 500 tons of material is mined or less than two acres of land is excavated or used as a disposal site during a period of 12 consecutive months. DOE's are currently exempt from the "Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act". This file review has the following two objectives:

- Verify that names and addresses are current so that the operator can be notified of any new laws or rules that may impact his operation. We anticipate that the rules governing DOE's will be changed in 1987, but at this time we are not sure as to what form these rules will take nor what their impact will be.
- Determine status of the operation and whether it has stayed within the limits of the DOE.

We have not been able to locate the whereabouts of a Mr. Edward Phariss of Azeredo Minerals, Inc. who has filed the following four DOE's with us:

DOE/045/022 Morley Atkin Lease NW1/4, SE1/4, Sec.7, R4W, T4S DOE/045/024 Uriah Heap Lease NE1/4, SE1/4, Sec.13, R5W, T4S DOE/045/027 Jack Rabbit Flats NE1/4, SW1/4, Sec.30, R4W, T5S DOE/045/028 Ophir Heap Leach SW1/4, SE1/4, Sec. 29, R4W, T5S

Apparently the Ophir Heap Leach is now being operated by Timberline Industries. We were given your name and address by the BLM as a possible contact. Any information that you could give us concerning the heap leach or the other three DOE's would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Filas, Engineer

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